

*Stated Meeting, October 5, 1866.*

Present, thirteen members.

DR. WOOD, President, in the Chair.

Letters acknowledging the receipt of the publications from the Linnæan Society and the Geological Society, of London, were read.

Donations for the Library were received from the following societies and authors: The Dutch Geological of Berlin, Royal Geographical of Paris, Linnæan of London, Zoological of London, Bath and West of England, and Boston Natural History Societies; also of the Academies, the Royal Prussian of Berlin, the Royal Mining of Loeben and Schemnitz, and Natural Sciences of Philadelphia; the Dublin Quarterly Journal, from Prof. Suringer, Richard Owen, and three circulars relating to the Paris Exposition.

The Committee to whom was referred Prof. H. C. Wood's article entitled "A Contribution to the Knowledge of the Flora of the Coal Period in the United States," reported in favor of its publication in the Transactions, which was ordered accordingly.

Pending nominations Nos. 550 to 556 inclusive were read.

Mr. Eli K. Price, on the part of the Board, Officers, and Council of the Society, made a report, embracing a preamble and resolutions, which were adopted, in substance as follows:

Whereas it is expedient, for the security of the books and property of this Society, that there should be erected a fire-proof building; and whereas it is probable, if the purpose of erecting such a building were resolved upon, that donations and bequests would be made, and a fund created which, by accumulation, would be adequate to the desired object.

The resolutions provide for the appointment of five Trustees to receive the donations and bequests, and make investments, and in case such occur in real estate, stocks or loans, they shall hold the same under the direction of the donors, or

if not instructed, at their discretion, for the benefit of the trust fund.

That the Trustees shall elect from their number a Chairman and a Treasurer, and shall meet upon the call of the Chairman, and a majority of the whole shall be competent to act; and minutes shall be kept, subject to the inspection of the President or Board of Officers of the Society. They shall render an account of the condition of the trust whenever required by the Society, and submit a statement at the first meeting in December of each year.

That the investments shall be made in the name of all the Trustees in trust for the building fund of the Society. And that no one of the Trustees shall ever use any part of the trust fund in his own account. That the Trustees shall not be required to give security or be liable for loss, except by malfeasance; nor be allowed compensation for services.

They also provide that whenever vacancies occur and the number be reduced to two, the Society shall, at its first stated meeting in January, appoint Trustees to fill the vacancies and restore the original number; and in case of inability of any Trustee to perform his duties or a disagreement among them, the Society shall decide between them, and may accept resignations and appoint others in their places.

And that all moneys received for the construction of a fire-proof building shall be paid over to the Treasurer.

And that the Trustees shall be Dr. George B. Wood, Eli K. Price, Frederick Fraley, Dr. Isaac Hays, and Benjamin V. Marsh.

The declaration and covenant of Trustees was submitted and adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the moneys received for the mortgage held by the Society on coal lands in Northumberland County be appropriated to the fund for the erection of a fireproof building for the Society.

And the Society was adjourned.